For the Northern District of California

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN JOSE DIVISION

ERIC AUSTIN NIVA,

NO. C 03-0908 RS

Plaintiff,

v.

ORDER RE BRIEFING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant.

Upon further review of the liability issues that the parties have submitted for decision, the Court finds that additional briefing would be appropriate. On or before February 4, 2008, the parties shall file briefs, not to exceed 20 pages each, setting forth their positions with respect to "the comparative negligence of the United States and Mr. Niva" and "whether any negligence by defendant was a cause of the accident, or whether plaintiff's actions were the sole cause." See Joint Case Management Conference Statement filed December 5, 2007. The partes need *not* address the issue of "whether the United States consciously failed to act to avoid the danger." *See id*.

The parties' briefs should include citations to such evidence that was presented at trial as they may believe bears on these issues. On or before February 19, 2008, the parties may file

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responsive briefs, not to exceed 10 pages each. The matter will then again be taken under submission. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: January 16, 2008 United States Magistrate Judge

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT NOTICE OF THIS ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO: Claire T. Cormier claire.cormier@usdoj.gov boccardo@boccardo.com, jstein@boccardo.com, tracey@boccardo.com John Charles Stein Counsel are responsible for distributing copies of this document to co-counsel who have not registered for e-filing under the Court's CM/ECF program. Dated: 1/16/08 Richard W. Wieking, Clerk **Chambers** By:

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